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It was a beautiful Sunday morning, and it happened to be our 40th wedding anniversary. A few tears rolled down my face (Paul) as we worshipped in a downtown park by the river. My heart was full as I thought about God calling us to Himself in college – His grace in giving two fallen people 40 years together, and 37 years in ministry.

We were worshipping with the church where our son and daughter are on staff. It was their baptism service by the river. As I looked around, I saw my older son, Mark, talking about baptism with people moved by the service, his wife chronicling the day with her camera, my grandchildren right behind us. I watched my daughter, Katie help baptize a new believer that she's been discipling, and saw my son-in-law worshipping, who works at the local rescue mission which seeks to bring the Gospel to those in desperate circumstances. That day, I also had the opportunity to help baptize a man I've been discipling, someone who recently re-committed his life to Christ after being adrift for 15 years.



At that moment, I was humbled by God's kindness to us. None of these "riches" were earned; it's all grace. All grace, in the same way as your partnership with us! Thank you, thank you, thank you. Because of you, we get a front-row seat to God's work in people's lives: the miracle of re-birth, hard hearts being softened by the Holy Spirit, marriages being restored, trauma being healed, spiritual growth leading to spiritual gifts being developed and deployed; believers taking courageous steps of faith and seeing God at work through them. And as if that wasn't enough, your investment in us has trickled down to our children, who are investing in others. God has been good in allowing us to see a legacy of faith, even in our own family.

Because of Him,

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